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Address Reply to the
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Mr. Lawrence Houston
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Houston:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from David Weating, a high school student who has expressed an interest in information on intelligence-gathering activities with particular reference to espionage matters. We have sent Mr. Weating a digest of prosecutions under the espionage statutes and have advised that we are forwarding his inquiry to your office.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

John H. Davitt
JOHN H. DAVITT, Chief
Internal Security Section

Enclosure

March 25, 1973

National Security Council
Staff Secretary
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Sir:

I am currently taking an American Government course at Brush High School. In this course, we have to write a research paper on any topic in the Government. I chose the topic, "Espionage and Counterespionage".

I would appreciate any information that your council has under this subject. Information is especially desired in such areas as: 1. how such information is gathered, 2. how important this information is, 3. what methods (both past and present) are used in gathering this information, 4. the length of time it takes to gather such information, 5. the importance of defected agents from other countries, and 6. what action is taken by the council.

If there is other information you have that is relevant to this subject, please send this also.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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